given at ye Lords doore. Octr. 10. 1667.

To the Right Honourable the *Lords* and *Commons*, Assembled in *Parliament*.

The Humble Petition of many Poor Distressed Sea-mens Wives, and Widows.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

THat whereas there being Arrears of Wages due to your poor Petitioners, for Service done in his MAJESTIES Ships, before the Year (1658.) the want thereof, hath exposed your Petitioners, together with their Families, to great Wants and Miseries; and so weakned their Credits with poor Tradesmen; namely, Chandlers, Bakers, Butchers, and the like, that usually Credit them with Provisions of Victuals in the absence of their Husbands; that your poor Petitioners with their Families are in danger of perishing, and are in great want, and are daily imprisoned; and others for non-payment of their Rent, turned out of their Habitations, with their Wives and Families.

In tender Consideration of the Premisses, May it graciously please these Honourable Houses of Peers and Commons, now in the High Court of Parliament Assembled, to take the Premisses into your Serious and Pious Considerations, and to take such Order for satisfying their Arrears of Wages, that so your Poor Petitioners may thereby be enabled to satisfie those poor Tradesmen that have intrusted them with Food: And for the Future to keep them and their poor Families from Starving, and Perishing: All which we humbly beg, and wholly refer to your Honours Grave Wisdoms, and Pious Considerations.

And we, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, *&c.*